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MASAYUKI TAKANO PRESENTS
EPISODE 17:
"THE INNER WORLD"
1957,
CALIFORNIA,
USA
A CONVERSATION FROM 38 YEARS AGO, NOW LOST TO THE DUSTBIN OF HISTORY...
VALENTINE-KUN.
DOCTOR?
CAN I BORROW YOU?

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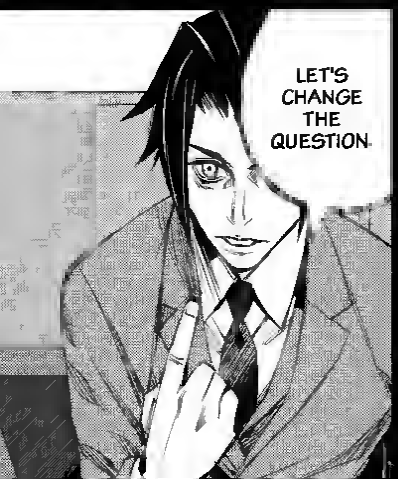
CHIEF! CHIEF EDWARD TELLER!
EXCUSE ME. I NEED TO GET THROUGH

MY NAME IS AMAGIRI.
AMAGIRI ICHIROU.
I'M CURRENTLY A VISITING PHYSICS PROFESSOR AT BERKLEY
HELLO.
IT'S AN HONOR TO BE SPEAKING WITH YOU, MR. TELLER
AND YOU ARE?
AH YES, FORGIVE ME.

LET ME BE BLUNT. I THANK GOD EVERY DAY THAT IT WASN'T THE NAZIS, JAPAN,
OR THE COMMIES WHO GOT THEIR HANDS ON THE ATOMIC BOMB FIRST.
THE KREMLIN'S GOT THE DAMN BOMB NOW, THOUGH...
UNLIKE OPPENHEIMER AND OTHERS OF HIS ILK I'M NOT ABOUT TO ENTRUST MY OWN FATE, OR THAT OF MY BRETHREN, TO THE COMMIES
EVEN IF I HADN'T FATHERED THE BOMB, SOMEONE ELSE WOULD'VE FIGURED IT OUT EVENTUALLY
EVENTUALLY, SOMEONE WOULD HAVE MADE IT!
THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT I'VE BEEN SAYING.
EXACTLY, MR. TELLER!

THE QUESTION IS, WHO?
SURELY A GREAT SCIENTIST LIKE YOURSELF...EINSTEIN, HEISENBERG, BOHR, YOUNG HUGH EVERETT... MEN CONSIDERED GENIUSES.
OR PERHAPS NOT WHO AT ALL, BUT SOMETHING INTANGIBLE? INTUITION, OR DIVINE INSPIRATION?
AND IF SO, WHERE WOULD IT COME FROM?


LET'S CHANGE THE QUESTION.

I DON'T FOLLOW.
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OH GOOO LORD, DID YOU JUST COME HERE TO BLAME ME FOR THE BOMBS OROPPED ON JAPAN?
TO BE CREATEO VIA THE MANHATTAN PROJECT AND DROPPED ON MY HOMELAND?
WHAT IF THE ATOMIC BOMB WAS OESTINEO
WHAT IF HUMANITY COULO AWAKEN THE POWER TO ALTER POSSIBILITY?
I SPEAK OF THE POSSIBILITIES CONTAINEO WITHIN THE FUTURE...ANO THE PAST.
I'M SPEAKING ABOUT SOMETHING COMPLETELY DIFFERENT
NOT AT ALL.

A WORLD WITHOUT WAR WOULD NO LONGER BE A DREAM.
IF WE COULD CHOOSE A DIFFERENT PATH, MAKE THE WORLD KINDER AND MORE PEACEFUL.
MR...AMAGIRI, WAS IT? LET ME GIVE YOU SOME ADVICE.
THOSE ARE THE WORDS OF A DAY DREAMING CHILD, NOT A SCIENTIST.
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NO, MR. TELLER.
YOUNG PEOPLE LIKE YOURSELF NEED TO GET OUT OF YOUR LABS AND SEE SOCIETY FOR YOURSELVES.
IN THE OUTSIDE WORLD

I HAVE SEEN MANKIND'S INNER WORLD.
THE WORLD OF POSSIBILITIES.
THE CHRONOS HAZE.

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POP
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RUSTLE
A FAKE WORLD CREATED BY GIGANTES, HUH...
BUT AFTER HE EXPLAINED IT, IT ALL KINDA MADE SENSE.
I GET THIS FEELING LIKE THERE'S A PART OF ME THAT'S... THAT'S NOT ME.
LIAR. I SAW YOUR JAW DROP SAME AS THE REST OF US.
HEH, I ALWAYS KNEW THIS WORLD WAS PHONY.
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SLOW, FRESHMEN!
LIKE THERE'S ANOTHER YOU OUT THERE LIVING A TOTALLY DIFFERENT LIFE.
YEAH, THAT!

HONESTLY, NONE OF IT FEELS REAL TO ME YET.
WHAT DO YOU THINK, NARUYUKI?
HMM?
YEAH, BUT YOU HAVEN'T ACCEPTED EVERYTHING, HAVE YOU?
GOD YOU'RE LAME...YOU COME TO THIS ACADEMY, THEY PULL THE VEIL OFF ALL KINDS OF STUFF, AND YOU DON'T CARE
LIKE HOW CHIZAKI-SAN, THE PRETTIEST GIRL IN THE CLASS, IS ALL OVER YOU!
AND THAT GIRL CHIKA-CHAN!
WHAT?! ME?
HELL NO! THERE'S A LOT ABOUT NARUYUKI IN PARTICULAR I'M HAVING TROUBLE ACCEPTING, IN FACT!

CHIKA-CHAN? HE MUST HAVE A THING FOR HER
I WISH I COULD SPEND MY SCHOOL CAREER LIVING WITH A CUTIE LIKE CHIKA-CHAN TOO!
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I WISH..
YEAH, IT'S NOT FAIR THAT ONLY PEOPLE WITH AN AFFINITY GET JACKETS
THE UPPER-CLASSMEN ARE ALL CHASING OTHER GROUPS AROUND. WE SHOULD TAKE THIS CHANCE TO SLIP AWAY AND GET THE MEDAL.
HUH? SHE WAS JUST HERE A MINUTE AGO.
WHERE IS CHIZAKI-SAN, ANYWAY?
MAYBE SHE'S GOING TO THE BATH-ROOM?
TWITCH
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GRAB
NO!
W-WHOA, WHAT THE-

CHIZAKI-SAN... CHIZAKI-SAN WOULD NEVER GO TO THE BATHROOM!
RAARGH
WH-WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU-
NOT WAY OUT HERE, BEHIND THE MOUNTAIN... NEVER!
EXACTLY!
BLINK
YES... I'M GLAD YOU UNDERSTAND, NARUYU.
GLARE
I'M WITH YOU, NISHIDA!
NOW QUIET DOWN, IF YOU KEEP SHOUTING WE'RE SCREWED.
BLINK
AAH.
KIII?!
BANG

CRAAASH
WH-
WHAT THE-
SLIDE
HAHAHA, YOU'RE A NASTY LOT,
USING THE OTHER FRESHMEN AS BAIT WHILE YOU CLEAR THE ASSIGNMENT BY YOURSELVES!
CRAP, THEY FOUND US!
LEAVE HIM, HE'S TOAST!
SLUMP
NISHIDA, GET UP!

DID WE LOSE THEM?
DUNNO.

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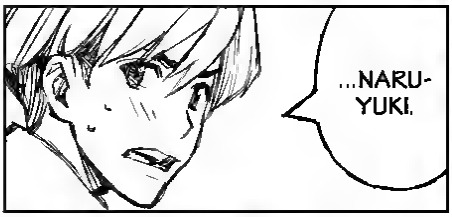
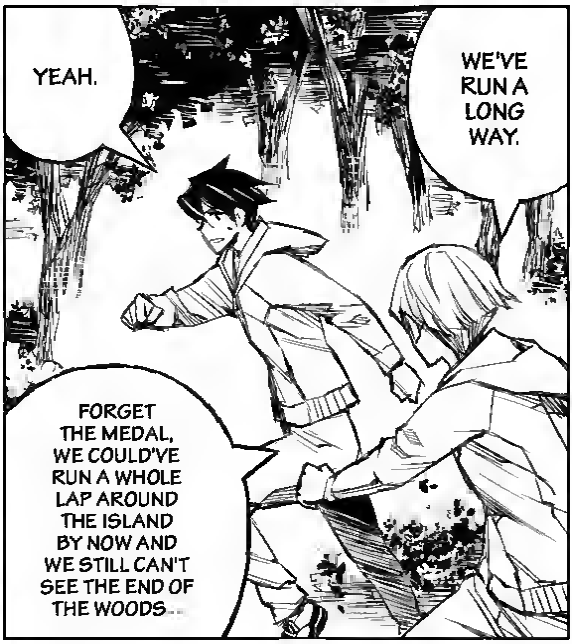

...NARU-YUKI.

WHAT THE HELL IS UP WITH AMAGIRI ISLAND-


YEAH.
WE'VE RUN A LONG WAY.
FORGET THE MEDAL, WE COULD'VE RUN A WHOLE LAP AROUND THE ISLAND BY NOW AND WE STILL CAN'T SEE THE END OF THE WOODS...

HEEP!
BWUAHHHOOOOOOOOO
A-A BLIZZARD?

SLUMP
NARUYUKI... I'M FINISHED... GO...
WHA-
DON'T TALK LIKE THAT, HIGASHINO!
BWHHHHHHOOOOOOO
DON'T FALL ASLEEP! IF YOU SLEEP, YOU DIE!
WE'RE ALL ALONE NOW, TOUYA.

THAT WAS YOU?
BWHHHOOO
YES... NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME.
THAT'S NOT WHAT I WAS GETTING AT-
CHIZAKI-SAN?
BOOF
AAAH!

THE NEXT BATTLE CLOSES IN! ...MAYBE?